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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF SEIZED OPIUM FOR MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

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1. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL GUB RESPONSE TO ITS APPROACH ON ABOVE SUBJECT (REFTEL), STRONG INDICATIONS ARE THAT EVENTUAL ANSWER WILL BE NEGATIVE.

2. DURING SOCIAL FUNCTION ATTENDED BY BNDD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELK (SEPTTEL) DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE U SEIN HLA OO SAID IT WAS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT GUB COULD MAKE ANY SALES OF SEIZED
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OPIUM TO US FIRMS SINCE BURMA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY USED 15 TONS ANNUALLY FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES AND PRESENT STOCKS AMOUNTED TO ONLY THREE TONS, WITH MORPHINE CONTENT BETWEEN 8 PERCENT AND 14 PERCENT. BELK AND EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT GUB COULD BOTH FILL BPI'S NEEDS AND MAKE SOME MONEY FROM SALES TO US FIRMS IF IT SEIZED LARGE QUANTITIES OF OPIUM FROM TRAFFICKERS.

3. DURING BELK'S CALL ON U PYI SOE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, LATTER ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SUBJECT IN TERMS WHICH INDICATED THAT RESPONSE WOULD NOT BE FAVORABLE.
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